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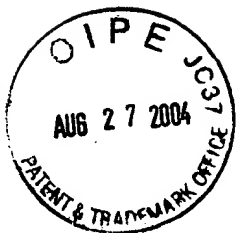
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PREFERABLY WITH MAGNETIC
PARTICLES AS SOLID PHASE

Examiner: Stucker

Art Unit: 1648

REQUEST FOR CONSIDERATION OF
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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

An Information Disclosure Statement was filed with this application, submitting a number of references, including some that had been cited in an International Search Report. A copy of that Report was included with the application papers.

In the Office action of September 24, 2002, the Examiner indicated that all references submitted with that Information Disclosure Statement had been considered, except for German patent 44 27 821. The PTO-1449 form indicated that this reference had not been considered because no English translation had been provided.

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However, under MPEP 609, it should not have been necessary to provide an English translation because this reference was referred to in the International Search Report (and classified as an "A", or technical background, reference).

Submitted herewith are copies of that German patent, the Search Report, and the original Information Disclosure Statement. Applicants respectfully request that this reference be indicated as having been considered and be listed on the front page of the patent when printed.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite matters, please telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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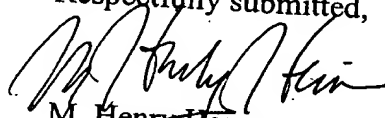
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Sir:

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicants bring to the Examiner's attention the related patent application, U.S. Serial No. 09/302,920 filed April 30, 1999, which is relied upon for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120. Applicants respectfully request that the references supplied in compliance with 37 CFR 1.87 in the above-referenced parent application, as well as those cited during its examination, be made of record. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of the Information Disclosure Statement, as well as the PTO Form 1449 filed in the parent application is attached. Copies of the documents will be found in the above-referenced parent application.

Respectfully submitted,


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Sir:

The references cited on attached form PTO-1449 are being called to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the references are enclosed. Also enclosed is a copy of the Search/Examination report issued in the corresponding PCT application. It is respectfully requested that the cited information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and the references be made of record therein and appear among the "references cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

As provided for by 37 CFR 1.97(g) and (h), no inference should be made that the information and references cited are prior art merely because they are in this statement and

no representation is being made that a search has been conducted or that this statement encompasses all the possible relevant information.

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